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## NEWS.

THE Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia receives by the will of the late Charles E. Smith one-sixth of his estate, which is valued at about \$500,000. His collections and botanical library also go to the academy.

Dr. James M. Safford, the state geologist of Tennessee and professor in Vanderbilt University, retires at the end of the present year.

The University of the State of Missouri is to send an Entomological Expedition into southern Mexico this summer. It will be in charge of Professor J. M. Stedman, head of the entomological department, and will have for its object the making of a biological, largely entomological, survey of the region from Vera Cruz, on the Gulf, which is in perpetual tropics, to the top of the volcano Popocatepetl, which is far above the perpetual snow line, and down to Acapulco on the Pacific. This will give all the temperature variations from perpetual tropics to perpetual snow, and will allow of the study of life zones under conditions not to be found elsewhere in North America. The collection will become the property of the university, which is to furnish half the expenses, the other half to be borne by Professor Stedman.

Appointments: Dr. Charles W. Greene, professor of physiology in the University of Missouri. — Mr. S. Harbert Hamilton, assistant in the museum of geology and archæology at Princeton University. — Dr. Franz Kossmat, docent in geology in the University of Vienna. — Dr. Paul Ehrenreich, docent in ethnology in the University of Berlin. — Stuart Weller, instructor in paleontology in the University of Chicago. — Alfred L. Kroeber, curator of anthropology in the California Academy of Sciences. — Dr. A. L. Treadwell, professor of zoölogy in Vassar College. — R. H. Yapp, assistant curator of the herbarium in the University of Cambridge.

DEATHS. — Dr. George Viner Ellis, for many years professor of anatomy in University College, London. — Dr. Bernhart Nöldeke, assistant in zoölogy in the University of Strassburg. — Lieutenant-General A. H. Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers, the well-known English ethnologist, in London, May 4, aged 73. — George Highfield Morton, an English geologist, aged 73.